(g) what is the amount lying in the DPEA account upto 15th July, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The details of the tentative amount assessed and recoverable from some of the companies for the period ending 31-12-1983 and the amount recovered in each case upto 15th July, 1988 are given in reply in parts (c) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 650 dated 1-8-1988.

(f) and (g) The amount collected is being spent in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1979 & 1987. To the extent information is available, an amount of Rs. 51-17 lakhs is lying in the DPEA.

Decontrol of the Sale of cement

680. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to fully decontrol the sale of cements;

(b) if so, when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(c) up to what extent Government will exercise control on the sale price of cement after the decontrol?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have been progressively reducing the price and distribution controls on the cement industry, in recent years. However, no decision has been taken so far to decontrol cement fully.

Letter of intent converted into licences

681. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters of intent issued during 1982 to 1987;

(b) what is the number of letters of intent converted into licences during the above period;

(c) what was the amount of new investment during the period under private sector and public sector;

(d) what is the number of sick industries during the period (year-wise); and

(e) what is the number of sick units nursed back to health during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) 6738 letters of intent were issued during the years 1982 to 1987.

(b) 2651 letters of intent were converted into industrial licences during the above said period.

(c) Information relating to actual investment made in the licensed projects is not maintained centrally in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals, Ministry of Industry.

(d) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. As per the available data, total number of large scale units reported to be sick in the country during the years 1982 to 1986 were as follows:

As at the end of	Total number of large scale units reported to be sick
December, 1982	444
December, 1983	491
December, 1984	545
December, 1985	637
December, 1986	714

(e) During the period 1982 to 1986, 87 large units were revived.